

FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN
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Canada raised last year 14,000,000 acres of peas, which produced an average crop of nineteen bushels per acre.

Cuba, if as intensively and thoroughly cultivated as the land of Holland or Jersey, could easily produce all the sugar, tobacco and garden stock for winter that this country could use.

The sheep men of Montana are having the best year of their lives. Their clip of wool for this season runs them over \$900,000, to say nothing about lambs and wethers, at 5 to 7 cents a pound.

Whenever a man gets so that he thinks that he knows something about the weather he is sure to get the correct taken out of him, especially if he ventures a guess as to whether two weeks or a month ahead.

An experiment of growing vegetables under the influence of a continuous electric light showed that a greatly increased rate of growth was secured. The twenty hours of sunshine in the far north would hasten the maturing of all vegetation.

A good many people are evidently fooled with the notion that if national aid can be secured for the construction of highways it in some way costs the people nothing, forgetting that every dollar spent by the general government has to come out of the people in some form of taxation.

We have a lady friend, an enthusiastic gardener and lover of flowers, who if she can ever come across a tool during her rambles in the country will always bring it home with her and turn it loose in her garden. She regards the tool as an invaluable insect destroyer, and she is right.

The typical thunderstorm is usually accompanied by more or less rain. However, we recall three thunderstorms in the country will all electrical type, one of them lasting for five hours, when not a drop of rain fell, and we also remember one accompanied by a very heavy bill of snow.

A farm automobile has been brought out in Scotland. It is adaptable to plowing, sowing, cultivating and reaping and when not in use can be easily converted into a stationary power for all kinds of barn work. The machine costs about \$1,500 and does its work at one-half the cost of horse power.

Where a living is made with but little effort and where clothing and shelter are easily procured there will man become naturally lazy and shiftless. The energy and push of the people of northern latitudes are mostly owing to the fact that if they do not hustle in summer they will starve and freeze in the winter.

With a situated farming area only one-third the size of the state of New York, Denmark exports agricultural products of the value of \$25 per capita of her population, while the United States exports but \$11. Denmark exports as much eggs as the state of New York produces twenty times as much butter one-fifth as much pork

You Look Yellow

The trouble in your liver's sick. One of its products, bile, is overflowing into your blood.

You can't digest your food, your appetite is poor, you suffer dreadfully from headache, stomach ache, dizziness, malaria, constipation, etc. What you need is not a dose of salts, cathartic water or pills—but a liver tonic.

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and as many horses. Measured by results, the Scandinavians are the best farmers in the world.

There has been a big effort made, which fortunately has failed, to get the people wild over the growing of gibber, in some such way as they went crazy over the Boston hare a few years ago. Even now the papers publish stories of the marvellous profits of gibber culture, but it should not be forgotten that if any such profits have been made they have been made by selling roots and seeds to enthusiasts in this country and not by the selling of the roots to the Chinese, the only people who have any use for this plant.

The most successful dairyman of the west is H. D. Griswold of Waukesha, Wis. He has a farm of only fifty acres, keeps twenty-eight Guernsey cows and runs a winter and a summer silo. The cows averaged 451 pounds of butter per head and brought him in \$85 per head. He brought less than \$500 worth of outside food for these cows, which his hogs, potatoes and calves more than met, so that he practically kept these twenty-eight cows the year round on fifty acres of land. He has given the dairymen of the country a remarkable illustration of intensive agriculture and up to date dairying.

DRY FARMING.

"Dry farming" is a method of working the soil which is being applied with much success in the semi-arid regions of Wyoming and Colorado. It is perhaps one of the most significant and far reaching things connected with agriculture at the present time. There are millions of acres of fertile land in the regions referred to which are not available either for wheat or water supply or because the topography of the country will not admit of it. This new method is an outgrowth of what is known as the Campbell system. The plan is to plow the soil very deep in the fall or late summer, making it a receptive and retentive bed for what small amount of moisture falls. This is done by surface cultivation following each rain to prevent evaporation. In the spring the crop is sown or planted as, elsewhere, followed by

surface cultivation of such crop to as great a degree as possible. The results are really remarkable, as much as thirty-five bushels of the finest wheat in the world being secured from land which was not long ago dedicated to the prairie dog and such scant grass growth that each "settler" was given twenty-five acres to browse. It is found that the best results are obtained when the land is cropped only every other year, the interim being devoted to such treatment of the soil, as indicated above, as will store up the largest amount of moisture possible. It looks as though the great American desert was to be reclaimed after all.

WHY DOES HE WANT TO MAKE MORE MONEY?

We do not know. It would seem as though he had enough—far more than he can possibly use or enjoy—but he is just as fierce and eager to rake in some more dollars as though he had a mortgage coming due on his home and not enough money to pay it. He can't wear any more or better clothes; he can't eat any more or better food; more money will not give him any better reputation in his community than he now has—he has come to the point where money can do nothing at all for him save to gratify his lust for it and gratify that brutal sense of power over others which money gives. He might, of course, want more for the sake of using it for the benefit of other people, but he long since got himself divorced from any such foolish notions and now wants more just because the getting of it has become as much of a disease with him as a consumption or the consumption would be. He has so denied himself in years gone by in order to make money that all power of enjoying it is now gone. He will keep on just in the old way, and some day there will be a funeral, and some private proceedings, an obituary notice, and he will be forgotten just as so many of his kind have been before. You know him?

NO RACE SUICIDE AMONG BIRDS.

We are asked how many of our birds mix more than one brood of young in a season. The English sparrow, the most prolific of any of our common birds, will begin nesting in March and keep it up until July and sometimes even later. It is safe to say that they will hatch from two to four broods in a season. The quail will sometimes hatch two broods in a season, and many other birds, if they have not broken up or young destroyed, will incubate the second time; but, as a general rule, all our birds, with the exceptions noted, raise but one brood of young in a year. This is a wise provision of nature; otherwise birds would easily become one of the greatest plagues with which the farmer and fruit grower would have to contend.

REVERSION.

The different breeds of domestic animals which are generally known under the name of thoroughbreds are the result of many years' work of careful selection and breeding to a type often very far removed from that of the original ancestor. In a way, purely artificial breeds can only be maintained in their excellence by continued careful breeding and infusion of the best strains of the blood. Left alone, the law of reversion to original types soon gets in its work, and a very few generations take them back to the original scrub type. This applies not only to domestic animals, but to poultry and to quite an extent to grains and fruits. The best of a type is hard to create and still harder to maintain.

THE FARMER'S POKE.

The farmer has always and ever three things to contend with—weeds, insects and the freakishness of climate. Weeds, like original sin, are sure to crop out on his land and usurp its fertility if not fought and subdued, the plague of insect life lies in wait in some form or other for every crop which he may plant, while June and early September frosts, floods and droughts, cyclones and hailstorms, too

much or too little heat, make up a combination which he is utterly powerless to control or even evade.

WIRE FARMS IN CANADA.

It may interest you to get a map and find the Peace River country in northwestern Canada, latitude 53, and learn that this is a fine farming country, wheat, oats and barley growing to perfection about six weeks during the winter in which it is necessary to feed stock. The extreme northern latitude is offset by the influence of the Japan current of the Pacific and the chinook winds.



WORK.

The work which presents no difficulties to be overcome soon grows uninteresting.

There are some workers so anxious to catch time by the forelock that they almost get the forelock off.

If it is true that work implies that the workman knows himself it is equally true that the best work shows that he has forgotten himself.

There is only one right way to work, and it is neither in doing things before they are started nor in doing them all over again after they are finished.

"The world is altogether too restricted in its use of the word 'art.' Work of any kind done superlatively well is art—instinct pictures as well as painting them.

A good worker is pretty much like a horse, after all. When it's uphill going don't worry him; when it's downhill going don't hurry him; and be sure to take good care of him once he's in the barn.—Success.

An Oxford Bank Note.

The Clarendon Press once made a bid for getting the notes of the Bank of England. It was many years ago, when the forger was abroad in the land, and it was desired to make his task more difficult. A sample Oxford note was adorned with a number of unintelligible quotations from out of the way languages—Arabic, Coptic and others. It was thought no forger could produce them, and an elaborate argument was given in with the sample note to that effect. Nowadays any note may be copied by photography, and the unique quality of its paper is the security of the Bank of England against fraud.—London Sketch.

A Business Talk.

"Miss de Simpson," said the young secretary of the eminent diplomat, "I have opened negotiations with your father upon the subject of—er—coming to see you often with a view ultimately to forming an alliance, and he has responded favorably. May I ask if you will ratify the arrangement as a *modus vivendi*?"

"Mr. von Harris," answered the daughter of the eminent diplomat, "don't you think it would have been a more graceful recognition of my administrative ability if you had asked me first?"—Chicago Tribune.

Malay Houses.

Malay houses are invariably built on posts, so as to raise the floor from four to six feet above the ground. The floor is composed of bamboo, with interstices between slats, the earth beneath becoming the receptacle of the drainage of the establishment. The universal plan of the wall is to maintain it to build the house in two divisions, the front one for receiving visitors and lounging generally, while the rear portion is reserved for the women and children.

Elephant Summary.

A remarkable instance of the sagacity of a female elephant which had lost her young one in a pit trap has recently been related. The mother made strenuous attempts to rescue her offspring by throwing quantities of earth and branches of trees into the pit, but all her efforts were in vain, as the hunters arrived before the pit was sufficiently filled to allow the young one to clamber out.

Advice.

Widow (tearfully)—Yes, my daughters are now my only resources. Friend—Take my advice and husband your resources well.

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Repeat.....	\$150.00

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Free-for-all Pace.....	\$300.00
2:40 Pace.....	\$300.00
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